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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hisanori FUJISAWA

Serial No.: 09/045,041 Group Art Unit: 2763

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT CIRCUIT

SIMULATION

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 1999, and having a period for response set to expire on March 3, 2000. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 3, 2000. Also enclosed with this response is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying PTO-1449 for Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-040280, which corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 8-198074 referenced on page 2, lines 22-25 of the specification.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 7, please delete "VDD" and insert therefore --VSS--.

Page 3, line 7, after "supply", please delete "VSS" and insert therefore --VDD-.